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Timely Tidbits ...

State Begins Search for Holiday Tree

The Michigan Department of Management and Budget has announced the beginning of the official search for the 2000 State Holiday Tree. A tradition since 1987, the search is conducted by the State and the Michigan Timberman's Association.

The search is open to any individual or organization that would like to join in the holiday spirit by contributing a tree to decorate the front lawn of the State Capitol building.

In order to be considered, the tree must meet specific qualifications. It must:

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Anyone wishing to enter the holiday tree search should send information – including the name and telephone number of a contact person, the location of and specific information regarding the tree, and (if possible) a photo of the tree – to: Holiday Tree Selection, State of Michigan, Department of Management and Budget, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Deadline for entry is August 15, 2000.

Erratum

In both the March 23 issue of *The Romulus News* and the April 2000 edition of *Perspective* (a publication of the Romulus Community Schools), it was reported that the Board of Education had recently appointed Donald Morris as the district's Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations.

In actuality, appointments for noncertified positions such as this are made by the administration.

The Board of Education approves the hiring of all certified personnel. ❑

New Program Serves Juvenile Offenders

Judge Brian A. Oakley

The 34th District Court – located at 11131 South Wayne Road, near Romulus City Hall – has announced the beginning of a new program for juvenile offenders in our community. The program will permit the youths to receive needed services at a local level rather than in Detroit, where the large volume of more serious cases can result in lesser offenders "slipping through the cracks."

According to Chief Judge Tina Brooks-Green, the court will be working closely with area police departments, and has hired Debra Nelson, a full-time juvenile probation officer, to work directly with offenders and their families. Nelson will also hold monthly meetings with each youth at his/her school in order to monitor progress. Local community-service opportunities will provide a means for young offenders to "work off" their debts right in their own town.

"We're very excited about working with the police on a program that has the potential to make such a difference in our area youth," Brooks-Green stated. "By keeping these matters at a local level, we have a much greater chance of making an impact on these kids' behavior."

Judge Brian A. Oakley concurs with Brooks-Green's assessment.

"For example," he explained, "a juvenile who is caught smoking and sent to the Detroit court Downtown is likely to get lost in a gigantic case-load shuffle. By keeping this type of case right here in our own community, the local police, the family, and our juvenile probation officer can all work together to establish some very real consequences for these kinds of violations."

The Romulus Help Center is also working with the Court to develop parent and teen groups that will assist teenagers' families in dealing with everyday problems, as well as more serious issues such as substance abuse. Referrals to outside agencies for counseling and recreational activities will be provided to families participating in the program, as needed.

Chief Judge Tina Brooks-Green

Parents who are interested in learning more about these programs can call Nelson at 734-941-4462, ext. 260. ❑

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Romulus Boys and Girls Club Honors Dolan, Officer Huggins

The Romulus Boys and Girls Club honored Tom Dolan, Curriculum Director for the Romulus Community Schools, and Romulus Police Officer Carolyn Huggins at its annual Parent Dinner, which was held Thursday, April 13.

John Juriga, Chairperson of the Club's Advisory Council, presented Dolan with the Key Community Service Award, noting that Dolan has written grants which provided the organization with $172,000 in funding this past year. As a crowd of more than 300 people applauded his selection, Dolan was joined on stage by his wife Jaci and daughter Calyn.

In an especially touching moment, Officer Huggins, who serves as the liaison officer to Cory Elementary School and works closely as a mentor with at-risk students, found it difficult to get to the stage to accept her award as Volunteer of the Year because she was surrounded by students who kept hugging her. The children made it very clear that Officer Huggins is a cherished and important part of their lives. ❑

John Juriga (left), Chairperson of the Club's Advisory Council, and Frank Rigger (right), Club Director, honor Tom Dolan and Officer Carolyn Huggins at the Club's annual Parent Dinner.

Guest Commentary

Amendments Would Make State Safer

By State Representative Mike Hanley, House Democratic Leader

Those of us who work in an office environment don't usually spend much time wondering if our workplace is safe. When we send our children to school each day, we don't usually worry about whether we are putting them in danger of violence.

Unfortunately, recent incidents of workplace deaths and school violence have shown that our assumptions of safety are often incorrect.

Workplace Hazards

According to the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA), 87 people who worked in programs that fall under MIOSHA's jurisdiction died in Michigan in 1999 because of unsafe working conditions. In 1998, the number of fatalities was 68. Each year, almost 300,000 workers are injured on the job in Michigan; across the Country, that number is about 6.3 million. And though companies may be diligent in their efforts to create a safe environment, the statistics clearly show that not all of them are succeeding in those efforts. Something is wrong.

That's why many of my colleagues are supporting a provision that would fund the hiring of five additional general-industry safety inspectors, five construction-industry safety inspectors, and five industrial hygienists to supplement MIOSHA's current staff of about 73 inspectors.

Since its beginnings in 1975, the purpose of MIOSHA has been to ensure that all Michigan employees have safe and healthful work environments that are free from recognized hazards. In order to realize this objective, MIOSHA requires that employers keep records of work-related fatalities, all occupationally related illnesses, and all work-related injuries that result in loss of time, loss of consciousness, restriction of work or motion, transfer to another job, or medical treatment other than first aid.

School Violence

With a classroom tragedy in our own backyard, my House colleagues and I supported $500,000 in the State budget for the development of a program that police can present to students, upon the request of a school district.

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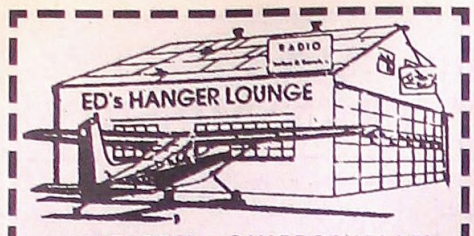

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Local Attorney Attributes His Success To Solid Work Ethic

By Rikki Strobos

In the 16 years since local attorney Murray A. Duncan, Jr., first hung out his shingle, he's made a quiet success of his one-man practice – and he's done it through good old-fashioned hard work.

Born in Detroit and raised in a predominantly blue-collar neighborhood of Westland, Duncan became well acquainted with the Great American Work Ethic during his formative years. His sincere belief that greater effort brings greater rewards carried him through his graduation from John Glenn High School in 1975 and buoyed him during the grueling decade or so which followed it.

"I was married at 19 and had my first child at 21," said Duncan. "Needless to say, I couldn't spend all my time studying to become a lawyer; I had a family to support."

So while he was working toward a Bachelor of Science degree (with distinction) in criminal justice at Wayne State University (1979) and a Juris Doctor degree at the Detroit College of Law (1984), Duncan was also employed as a full-time assembly-line worker at General Motors' Willow Run plant. He continued at GM for an additional three years while his fledgling practice got off the ground.

"The years between 1984 (when I opened my office at 10000 Wayne Road) and 1987 (when I could finally afford to quit working at GM) were pretty rough," Duncan recalled. "Each day, I'd work in the office until two o'clock, then work the afternoon shift at Willow Run. Sleep and I were pretty much strangers to each other. If it hadn't been for the fact that I sometimes got to see my wife Jane at the office, where she was working as secretary and bookkeeper, we might have been strangers, too."

Since those early days, Duncan has built a solid practice by helping his steadily growing clientele through life's legal difficulties: divorce and child-custody cases, real-estate transactions and bankruptcy, drunk-driving arrests and personal-injury lawsuits. For the most part, Duncan handles these cases on his own, although he does work with Southfield attorney Mark Sucher on personal-injury cases.

Murray A. Duncan, Jr.

Duncan says that he opened his practice here because this is an area he has known since childhood – a place where he feels comfortable.

"The Romulus community is similar to the one in which I grew up," he explained. "I consider this town to be my second home. Over the years, I've gotten to know many of its citizens – not just the police officers, judges, and politicians, but the residents, too. People trust me because they know that I'm one of them."

For the past 10 years, Duncan and his family have resided in Brighton. Jane, who continued as Duncan's secretary/bookkeeper over the years, completed her Master's Degree in accounting in 1999, and has since begun working for another company. The couple's oldest daughter, Jaime, is a 20-year-old junior at Central Michigan University, where she is working on a degree in elementary education. Daughter Kelly, 18, works full time and attends Washtenaw Community College. Twelve-year-old Murray III is a seventh-grade student who plays baseball on a Brighton travel team coached by his dad.

"I really enjoy working with my 13-and-under boys team," said Duncan. "Last year, they finished with a 45–20 record while playing some of the most competitive teams in Michigan.

"As a boy, I loved to play baseball, and I was pretty good at it, too," he continued. "In fact, during my years at John Glenn, I pitched the first of only two no-hitters in the school's history."

Duncan's law office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call him at 734-941-5025. ❑

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Student Art Exhibited at the Library

Dante Williams, a seventh-grade student at Romulus Middle School, proudly displays his comic strip, "Bucky the Super Dood." Williams was one of many local students whose art was on display at the Romulus Public Library earlier this month.

Standing next to her portrait of a classmate is Danielle Stephens, a third-grader in Cynthia Price's class at Cory Elementary. Stephens was one of many students who brought their family members to a reception held in the artists' honor on Friday, April 7.

Romulus Board of Education President Betty Lenossi (left) and Trustee Billy McCraight (right) were on hand at the reception to congratulate the student artists, including Wick second-grader Trevell Campbell (second from left, standing next to his picture) and Wick third-grader Deandrew Fizer (second from right, with his picture). Also pictured are Angelo Fizer and Breane Weaver.

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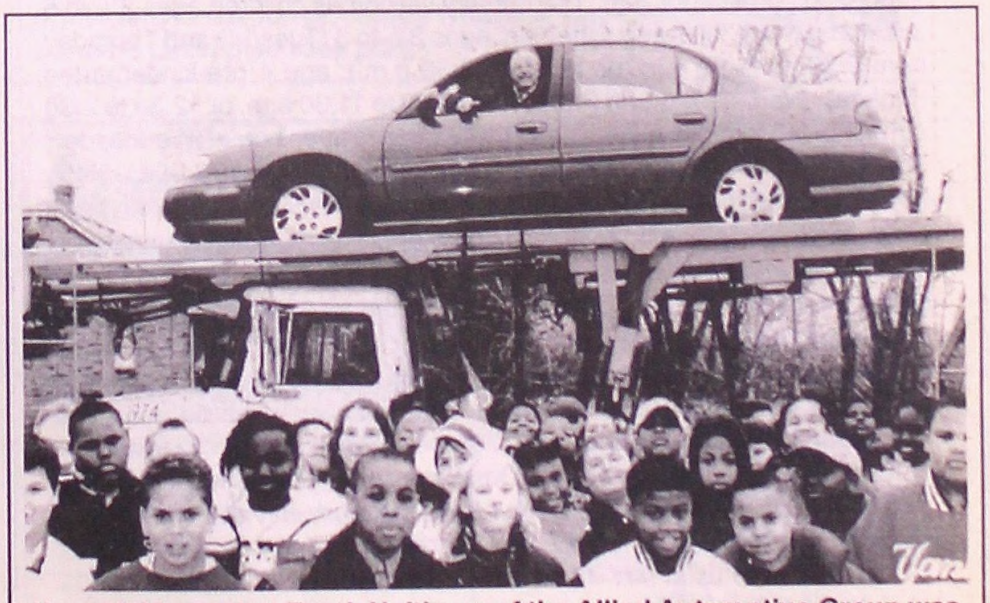
Winners of a Wayne-Romulus Optimist Club-sponsored basketball contest – (front, from left) Deborah Anderson, Rodney Cofield II, and Edward Schmitzer – are pictured with Optimist members (from left) Steve Glenn, Darnell Hearst, Rodney Cofield, and Winifred Wafer.

Award winners at Halecreek Elementary's recent science fair included (from left): front row – Kevin Stockton, Pierson Schwimmer, Eric Poet, and Alyse Hopkins; back row – Jennifer Lammers, Shannon Kowalski, Marissa Jordan, and Courtney MacDougal.

Among those attending a recent Robotics Awards Luncheon at Romulus High School were (from left) Kristina Mahaney (math teacher), Bobby Lindsay (robotics team member), Melvin Kimbrough (Principal, Romulus Middle School), Amy McCray (robotics team member), and Dan Hurst (Principal, Romulus High School).

Romulus Board of Education Secretary Ken Berlinn introduced his grandson Arlo to the Easter Bunny at Romulus High School's recent craft show. Those who stopped by to support the student fund-raiser shopped for an outstanding array of goods offered by more than 40 crafters. Demonstrations, games, food, and door prizes were also featured.

Halecreek kindergartners (from left) Nicole McFalda, Cory Shults, Faith Hover, Katrina McKinney, and Ashley Patton play cooperative games to develop teamwork skills.



You might say that Frank Holthaus of the Allied Automotive Group was "driven" to talk about the trucking business with students from Cory Elementary School.

Community Calendar

- **Easter Egg Hunt** – The Romulus Recreation Center's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at noon on Saturday, April 22, at Elmer Johnson Park. Searches will be broken into groups for ages two and under, three to four, five to six, and seven to eight. Although there is no need to preregister for this free program, youngsters are required to bring their own basket or other container for their eggs. For more information, call 734-942-6852.
- **Used-book Sale** – The organization known as the Friends of the Romulus Library promises that its next used-book sale will be one of its largest ever. The event is set for Monday through Wednesday, April 24–26, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, April 29, from 12 to 5 p.m. (Bag Day). During the first three days, books will sell from 25¢ to $1.50; on Saturday, shoppers can fill a grocery bag for $1.50. It's a chance to stock up on weeks of reading for less than the cost of one new book.
- **Rummage Sale at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) is holding a rummage sale on Friday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, April 29 ("bag day"), from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- **Lift-a-Thon Benefits High School Football** – Romulus High School's football team is seeking support for its annual Lift-a-Thon fund-raiser, set for 3:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, in the High School gym. Last year, the athletes raised $3,500; this year, their goal is $5,000. To make your flat-rate or per-pound-lifted pledge, send your check or money order directly to the Football Program c/o Romulus High School, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. For more information, contact the High School's Athletic Department (734-941-2170, ext. 191).
- **Public Invited To Attend Health Fair at the High School** – Romulus High School's Health Occupations students, with the support of the Mayor's Drug Task Force, are sponsoring a Health Fair at the High School on Friday and Saturday, May 12–13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. In keeping with this year's theme (Health Occupations: Building Bridges To Community Services), the students have organized more than 20 booths with information on subjects from safety to nutrition, substance abuse to AIDS. Other organizations will also be on hand, including the Wayne County Health Department, Wayne County's Crisis and Referral Line, the Downriver Guidance Clinic, Head Start, the City of Romulus Recreation Department and Senior Citizens Center, the Romulus Police Department, Family and Neighborhood Services, the American Red Cross, and Romulus Adolescent Health Center.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The African American Experience Book Discussion Group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting on May 17) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For more information, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during its regular hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Nursery Is Accepting Applications** – Huron Countryside Co-operative Nursery (located at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, corner of Ellis and Craig streets, New Boston) is currently accepting applications for the 2000–2001 preschool year. The nursery welcomes children ages 2½ to 5 according to the following schedule: ages 2½ to 3 (Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.); age 4/pre-kindergarten (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.). For more information, attend the Nursery's open house (Wednesday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m.) or call 734-941-3527.
- **RHS Class of 1970 To Hold 30-year Reunion** – Romulus High School's Class of 1970 is planning to hold its 30-year reunion on Saturday, August 26. For information, contact Gail (Howie) Curaba (734-697-1763), Roy and Cathy (Miank) Szyndlar (734-699-3139), or Jim Wagner (699-9050).
- **Attention, Class of 1950!** – Romulus High School's Class of 1950 will hold its 50-year reunion on Saturday, September 16, at the Wayne County Fair Grounds (Quirk Road, Belleville). Upper- and underclassmen also welcome. Call Donna (Rehkop) Genovese (734-941-0293) or Ruth (Stevenson) Meyers (734-941-0254), or contact Don Koza online (www.bilygoat.id.com).

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174–0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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____ . . . PENTHOUSE . . . the "c" in Pythagoras's $a^2+b^2=c^2$ _____

____ . . . SOURCE . . . *Jude the* ____ (Thomas Hardy novel) _____

____ . . . SEED . . . blue shoes immortalized by Carl Perkins _____

____ . . . AUSTERE . . . R. L. Stevenson's ____ *Island* _____

____ . . . LAPELS . . surgeon's need _____

____ . . . IMAGE . . . desert delusion _____

____ . . . TREND . . . squirrel or beaver, for example _____

____ . . . PERGOLA . . . children's game _____

____ . . . ARIAS . . . African expedition _____

For solution, see page 11

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "BEARING"

How many four-letter words can you form using only the letters found in BEARING? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, plurals, obsolete and archaic words, slang and informal words, poetic words, hyphenated words, contractions, alternate spellings, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 25 words can be found on page 11

Celebrating Dr. Seuss

By Richard and A.J. Reaume

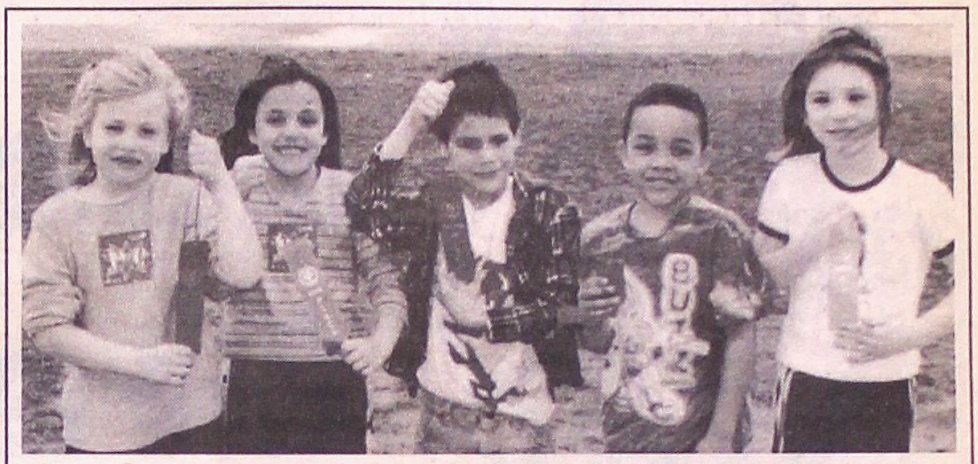
On Thursday, March 2, the 21st Century Community Learning Center celebrated Dr. Seuss's 96th birthday at Wick Elementary with many of their students (like Nikkole Schotthoefer, left). The celebration included sampling green eggs and ham along with pizza and pop.

According to Allen Reaume, Jr., "The green eggs and ham tasted like regular eggs and ham."

The activities included a scavenger hunt, dancing, and balloon play. After the birthday cake was served, they had a reading of *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss.

Editor's note: Watch for more student articles about Learning Center activities in future issues. ❑

Halecreek Raises $8,000+ for American Heart Association



(From left) Chelsea Druyor, Kelly McGlynn, Stanley Lewicki, Christopher Watt, and Jennifer Rumley were among those who participated in the Jump Rope for Heart event at Halecreek.

By Bill Baum, physical education teacher, Halecreek School

Students at Halecreek Elementary School raised $8,022.33 for the American Heart Association during their annual Jump Rope for Heart event on March 16.

The 348 students were sponsored by family, friends, and school staff in their fund-raising effort, which supports cardiovascular research and education programs of the Heart Association.

Jump Rope for Heart teaches participants about the importance of a healthy life-style that includes regular physical activity, proper nutrition, and living tobacco-free. The event involves students in providing a vital community service as they discover that their contributions can make a difference. At the same time, students enjoyed the physical exercise while jumping into this fun-filled event.

The students also earned prizes based on the amount of the pledge money received from their sponsors.

A special thanks is extended to all the parent volunteers and staff members who helped coordinate and run this event.

Congratulations to the Halecreek students on a job well done! ❑

(From left) Brian Jones, James Williams, Cherra Ross, Daniel Lucaj, and Danielle Lucaj also took part.

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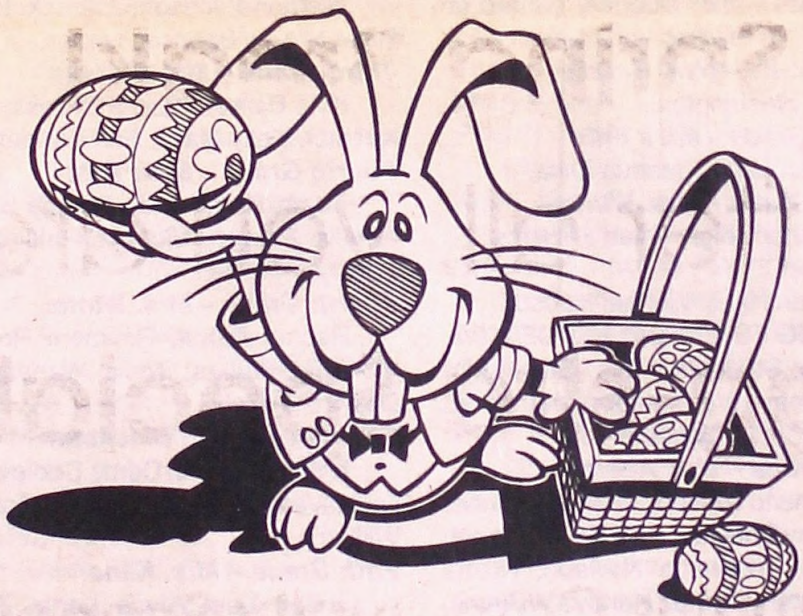

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Students Honored for Academics, Attendance

Congratulations to the following Romulus Community Schools students whose dedication and hard work earned them a spot on their school's honor-roll and/or perfect-attendance list during the third marking period of the 1999–2000 school year.

Barth Elementary

HONOR ROLL

Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Melissa Brewington, *Tiffany Gray, Leslie Hayes, *Dean Kovacs, Fred Marciniak III, Anne Marie Martin.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline

Christopher Baker, Orlando Hoults, Alysa Long, Stephanie Spoonamore, Benjamin Tuttle, Jaclyn VanMeer, Dakota Watson.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty

*Megan Bearman, *Bradley Bills, Jarran Booker, Jennifer Caloia, *Jeannie Hayes, Amanda Hollis, Matthew Koester, Ronald Kreutzer, Anisa Rakic, Patricia Silvey.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Reott

Ronald Baker II, Joshua Carroll, Ronald Carter Jr., Katrell Duncan, Lindsy Green, *Ashley Moss, Chrisma Nathaniel, Kristine Plank, Joshua Sawdy, Anthony Tucker, Skylar Winter.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE – I

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – I" category earned an "A" or "B" in all subjects.

Third Grade – Mrs. Abela

Holly Schonscheck, Adam Thornsbury, Chelsea Tyree, Smanatha Watson, Spencer Winter.

Third Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Daniel Antosik, Derek Bennett, Kayla Dizney, Emily Doyle, David Forbush, Chelsea Hay, Anthony Kersey, Cheyenne Oakley, Brittany Rodgers, Jessica Sylvester, Mary Ann Watts.

Fourth Grade – Miss Fritz

Jasmine Colquitt, Heather Doyle, Kourtney Hamilton, Christopher Hammar, Adam Hammond, Kaleb Heil, Steven Hicks Jr., Amelia Pelayo.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Winter

Rachel Arthur, Jordan Bowden, Stacy Fabinski, Miranda Gubaci, Brittney Heil, Raymont Holt Jr., Justin Kuderik, Jeveon Lee, Rebecca Lewkowicz, Leanna Pioli, Courtney Ramsey, Rick Schonscheck, Sean Sedgeman, Camille Sylvester, Phillip Vaghy, Devon Walker, Tricia Wanamaker.

Mr. Wood

Stephon Archie, Megan Carmickle, Grant Duprie, Brian Fowler, Gary Hemmingway Jr., Precious Richardson, Natlie Wilson.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE – II

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – II" category earned an "A" or "B" in language arts, reading, and math.

Third Grade – Mrs. Abela

Samantha Bankey, Quindai Christopher, Patricia Dancy, Shelby Green, Jory King, Rose Shelly.

Fourth Grade – Miss Fritz

Maura Harris.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Winter

Rashima Courtney, Natalie Diaz.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE – IIIa

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – IIIa" category earned an "A" or "B" in language arts and reading.

Third Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Kyla Barker, Ross Hadyniak, Brandyn Martin.

Fourth Grade – Miss Fritz

Darius Green, Victoria Rak.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Winter

Sheryl Davis.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE – IIIb

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – IIIb" category earned an "A" or "B" in language arts and math.

Third Grade – Mrs. Abela

Aime Brown, Tina-Marie Carter.

Third Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Erik Williams.

Fourth Grade – Miss Fritz

Christen Bowman, Amelia Britz, Jesse Kennedy, Nicholas Miller.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE – IIIc

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – IIIc" category earned an "A" or "B" in reading and math.

Third Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Erik Washington.

Fourth Grade – Miss Fritz

Kristin Leigh, Joshua Zilka.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Winter

Heather Leigh, Chad Williams.

Mr. Wood

Tyjuan Hale, Michael Hudson.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE – IVa

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – IVa" category earned an "A" or "B" in language arts.

Third Grade – Mrs. Abela

Diamond Aldson, Thomas Bonner II, Anthony Cofield, Jesse Howe, Mariah Johnson, Antoinette Newson, Nicole Ruiz, Brittany Turner, Kanaya Williams.

Third Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Latisha Ware, Alexandra Winters.

Fourth Grade – Miss Fritz

Marcus Frison, Tiffany Hutcherson, Whitney Kelsey, Jeffrey Makowski.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Winter

James Mattson III.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE – IVb

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – IVb" category earned an "A" or "B" in reading.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Winter

Monique Walker.

Mr. Wood

Annie Cox, Mark Proctor, Ashley Rumley, Elijah White.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE – IVc

Note: Students in the "Striving for Excellence – IVc" category earned an "A" or "B" in math.

Third Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Katie Koester.

Fourth Grade – Miss Fritz

Carrie Sawdy.

Mr. Wood

David Brown, Eric Robbins.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten "A" – Mrs. Richard

Travis Bergman, Christopher Householder.

Kindergarten "B" – Mrs. Richard

Kaivon Barker, Andrew Burcroff, Derrian Cooley, Jeane Elam, Joseph Forbush, Jeffery Harris, Dayna Hearod, Briyonne Holt, Sherrod Mack, Savannah Moffat, Laiken Randall, John Watts IV.

First Grade – Mrs. Fisher

Aprell Arthur, Ira Brandon III, Caitlyn Britz, Karl Henderson Jr., Emily Lewkowicz, Aaron Myles, Jennifer Sylvester.

First Grade – Mrs. Street

Christopher Britz, Yancey George, Justin Sawdy, Travis Trout.

Second Grade – Mrs. Montroy

Joseph Herbert, Senada Rakic, Christopher Reyna.

Second Grade – Mrs. Withey

Beizhonn Davis, Donald Myles Jr., Shawn Reeves, Brianna Shreve, Brittany Wilkewitz, Donald Williams Jr.

Third Grade – Mrs. Abela

Diamond Aldson, Derrick Baker, Rose Shelly, Spencer Winter.

Third Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Kyla Barker, Kylynn Brooks, Katie Koester, Kelly Mays, Erik Williams.

Fourth Grade – Miss Fritz

Adam Hammond, Jeremy Kirtley, Amelia Pelayo, Victoria Rak, Carrie Sawdy.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Winter

Rachel Arthur, Raymont Holt Jr., Monique Walker, Tricia Wanamaker, DeWayne Wells.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Nitisha Adams, Derris Cooley, Leslie Hayes, Brittnee Shreve, Anthony Williams.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline

Julian Lee, Alysa Long, Jacob VanAssche.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty

Megan Bearman, Jarran Booker, Matthew Koester.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Reott

Nicole Adams, Ronald Baker II, Benjamin DeFelice, Lindsy Green, Jennifer Hunter, Joshua Sawdy, Stacey Shreve Jr.

Cory Elementary

HONOR ROLL

Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.

Third Grade – Ms. McGlynn

Chasity Beard, Samuel Cox, Nicholas Curry, Shakiyla Eady, *Christina Gillespie, *Mariah Haney, Ondre Mathews-Griffin, *Nicole Siemaszko, *Kaela Torres.

Third Grade – Ms. Price

Cody Barnes, Jessica Cronk, Justin Hartman, Dominique Ross, Danielle Stephens, Sam Wells.

Third Grade – Ms. Roberts

Michael Allen, Christine Amis, Meriah Chapman, Rodney Cofield, *Melissa DuFore, Edward Hall, *Aaron Preston, Eric Savitskie, Cedric Staples, Ashley Wilson, Amanda Zavitz.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Lybik

Melissa Cofield, Calvin Crawford, Kassie Gray, Rebecca Hall, Kandice Penn, Jacob Pykor, *Kyle Sherwood, Leroy Talley, Denzell Taylor.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Pluff

*Chelsea Earby, Patrick Farkas, *Marjorie Miskey, Larry Nastal, Johnny Reid, Patricia Reyna, Clara Windom.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Walters

Jasmine Brown, Kevin Riley, *Thomas Slatinsky, Akara Stovall, Beatrice Thornton.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Miller

Sarah Berger, Brieana Bray, *Courtney Chaney, LaRhonda Colvin, *Yetunde Emanuel, Cassandra Hayton, LaJoya Rush, Tiffany Usher, Mariay Watt.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Sims

Nicole Carroll, Amber Cruce, Rashaunda Graham, Rebecca Labo, *Aurielle McCauley, Tiffany Penn, LeJohnna Reid, Justin Sledd, Eric Smith, Jacqueline Smith, Cherelle Smith-Noyd, Tina Smyth, Renea Sperry, Theresa Windom.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Smith

Ryan Barnes, Lauren Belle, Sammantha Chapman, Tiffany Claiborne, Darrell Cofield, Doloris Garry, Nicole Goodman, Bridgette Hawes, Alan Huguley, Jessica Moore, *Brian Rodger, Arlennea Savage, Michael Stump, Antonia Walker.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Williams

*Ayibatari Burutolu, Tamara Carney, Gregory Clever, Carmen Coleman, *Carl Gillespie, Anthony Groce, Brittani Haney, Kourtney Lester, Sharise Poole, Anne Ross, Khyla Ross, Thomas Rutherford.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Third Grade – Ms. McGlynn

Christina Gillespie, Mariah Haney, Christopher Ramsay, Kaela Torres.

Third Grade – Ms. Price

Cody Barnes, Britnee Bishop, Jessica Cronk, Justin Hartman, Jordan Reavis, Alexis Riley, Sam Wells.

Third Grade – Ms. Roberts

Christine Amis, Tabitha Canterbury, Meriah Chapman, Rodney Cofield, Markis Darden, Melissa DuFore, Edward Hall, Kayla Harris, Ashley Hidey, Ashley Meinicke, Jon Mundy, Aaron Preston, Eric Savitskie, Evonda Scott, Cedric Staples, James Wells, Ashley Wilson, and Amanda Zavitz.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Lybik

Melissa Cofield, Kassandra Gray, Kandice Penn, Brittany Perry, Justin Scott, Leroy Talley.

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Fourth Grade – Ms. Pluff

Latiesa Burnett, Chelsea Earby, Patrick Farkas, Janelle Farley, Michael Hardway, Kallie Harris, Cameron Jackson, Amanda Kurzyniec, Jennifer Logan, Chris McGovern, Marjorie Miskey, Larry Nastal, Reginald Pratt, Johnny Reid, Patricia Reyna, Aaron Rollin, Ryan West, Clara Windom.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Walters

DaShawn Banks, Rachia Bohannon, Bianca Courtland, Janiece McNeal, Alecia Morgan, Kevin Riley, Thomas Slatinsky, Akara Stovall, Beatrice Thornton, Calicia Warren.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Miller

Maurice Anderson, Ayla Bauer, Sarah Berger, Courtney Chaney, LaRhonda Colvin, Marissa Cronk, Dwayne Edwards, Yetunde Emanuel, Cassandra Hayton, William Howell III, Kirk Patterson, LaJoya Rush, Trisha Shotts, Tiffany Usher, Heather VanBuren, Justin Wasiak, Mariay Watt, Cornell West, Chad Wilkinson.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Sims

Nicole Carroll, Stephanie Clever, Amber Cruce, Jeffrey DuFore, Rashonda Graham, Ernest Holton, Rebecca Labo, Aurielle McCauley, Jessica Pare, Tiffany Penn, LeJohnna Reid, AleSandra Smith, Jacqueline Smith, Cherelle Smith-Noyd, Renea Sperry, Theresa Windom.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Smith

Christopher Avery, Wayne Barlow, Ryan Barnes, Lauren Belle, Christian Blackman, Tenika Carter, Elvis Celske, Sammantha Chapman, Tiffany Claiborne, Danna Fennoy, Doloris Garry, Nicole Goodman, Felicia Graham, Bridgette Hawes, Jessica Moore, Richard Reaume, Dustin Riordan, Brian Rodger, Nathan Samuels, Arlennea Savage.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Williams

Ayibatari Burutolu, Carl Gillespie, Brittani Haney, Kourtney Lester, Sharise Poole, Anne Ross, Thomas Rutherford.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten "A" – Ms. Cristini

Jessika Kennedy, Terrance Price.

Kindergarten "B" – Ms. Cristini

Kaley Annis, Megan Bratcher, ShaVeeta Hall, Devan Hearst, Breanna Pope.

First Grade – Ms. Barrs

Kyra Crawford, GeKia Lee.

First Grade – Ms. Green

Erica Carter, Shaquille Tipton, Nakeem Lightsey.

First Grade – Ms. Watson

Michael Henich, Les'Cia Watkins.

Second Grade – Ms. Baluk

Geno Lee, Emmanuel Sanders.

Second Grade – Ms. Kahler

Micah Davis, Jasmine Harris, Mercedes Hawes, Domonique Holmes, Norman Lightsey III, DáRon Marks-Ford, Amber Sears, Amber Wood.

Third Grade – Ms. Price

LéAia Gilkey, Ronald Kersey, Alexis Riley.

Third Grade – Ms. Roberts

Michael Allen, Christine Amis, Meriah Chapman, Melissa DuFore, Amanda Zavitz.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Lybik

Calvin Crawford, Cameron Davidson, Kyle Sherwood.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Pluff

Johnny Reid, Clara Windom.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Walters

DeShawn Banks.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Miller

Courtney Chaney, Yetunde Emanuel.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Sims

Aurielle McCauley, LeJohnna Reid, Theresa Windom.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Smith

Doloris Garry, Anthony Glimps, Bridgette Hawes, Brian Rodger, Arlennea Savage, Jessica Sears, Antonia Walker.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Williams

Ayibatari Burutolu, Tamara Carney, Carmen Coleman, Khyla Ross.

Merriman Elementary

HONOR ROLL

Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received high honors.

Third Grade – Ms. Doane

Michael Archie, Kevin Brown, *Lindsey Cobb, *Ashley Fitzpatrick, Mikey Foley, Megan Hammonds, *Robbie Knight, *Narjis Sheikh.

Third Grade – Ms. Graham

*Nishel'le Clayton, Toni Cross, Timothy Dalton, Jordan Farmer, *Jacob Gladden, Frank McCurdy, Sharonda Vesey, *Alise Whalen, Stephen Williams.

Third Grade – Ms. Stock

Gislain Bien-Aimé, Emily Davis, *Ashley Knick, Brandy Loggie, Patrick Thompson.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Shontez Akins, Marshea Armstrong, *Mike Behnke, Caren Brock, Ricky DeBus, Brandon Drouillard, Amber Giles, Ashley Haney, Danielle Milhem, Michael Powers, Amanda Saylor, *Chiara Snook, Brianne Stigall.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Raub

Christina Bauman, Joey Coatsworth, Durrell Curry, Jonathon Daughtery, Trisha Davidson, Brittany Dismuke, Samantha Frazier, *Jennifer Hollingsworth, Brian Johnson, Robert Knick, *Amanda Menser, Brittany Mills, Amanda Nelson, Jeremy Taylor, Dyonna White, Julian Williams.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Baird

Chavez Arnold, Kate Cobb, Jesse DeBus, Terence Jackson, Deanna Kordonis, Kaitlyn Lovenduski, *Richelle Mortzfield, Andrew Nelson, Danica Porter, *Amna Sheikh, Lauren Vera, Caitlyn Wagner.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Kurtzhal

Earl Denny, Josh Haener, Jakali McClendon, Brittney McCloud, Casey Minner, Lindsay Mitchell, Jetaun Robinson, Liz Roehrich, Vanessa Russell, Courtney Turner, Erika Wasson, Kiara Williams, Lindsey Williamson.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Mary Aplin, Carmela Bonasera, Adam DeLay, Jessica Fox, Brittney Garrison, Tiffany Motsch, *Amanda Nowicki, Damian Taylor, Jeff Taylor, Diamond Washington.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Navetta

*Carla Anderson, Tiffany Bradley, Brandon Dubanik, *Ryan Foster, *Amanda Haney, *Anthony Harris, Nedra Harris, Samantha Heitz, *LáMyeisha Lewis, Cherivia McMillan, Jamie Molic, Bethany Poma, Caleb Tipton, Kasara Vinson, Chris Wade, *Megan Whalen, *Melissa Winston, *Jessica Workman, Josh Zirkle.

Ms. Watkins

Joshua Arnett, William Blackburn, Stacy Davidson, Dennis Porter, Raquel Wooden, Jujuan Wright.

BUG (Bringing Up Grades) ROLL

First Grade – Ms. Britton

Aaron Abramson, Rion Bell, Ryan Binder, Danielle Doyle, Michael Green, Olivia Madison, Lucas Molic, Erik Radford, Aaminah Siddiqui, Brittney Straughter, Britani Strickland.

First Grade – Ms. Jaszcz

Shelby Paulus, Chris Roehrich, Ashton Toles, Britton Williamson, Seth Urban, Carvin Williams.

First Grade – Ms. Reames

Brianna Berge, Alex Carter, Tré Davis, Emily DeBus, Jessica McClue, Cameron Reaves.

Second Grade – Ms. Ball

Angela Bauman, Levan Card, Victoria Chatmon, Shelby Cholette, Emily Dubyak, Teirrah Landfair, Kiara Lane, Ashley Linne, Cody Szostek.

Second Grade – Ms. Orme

Corey Berge, Holly Henry, Justin Hurst, Robbie Powell, Auburn Shelton.

Second Grade – Ms. Smith

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Answers

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Third Grade – Ms. Doane

Michael Archie, Jazmine Bass, Kevin Brown, Jimmie Card, Brandon Craig, Christon Landfair, Darien Mecks, Armintha Nelson, Cody Sheldon, Ashlee Smith, Steven Strickland.

Third Grade – Ms. Graham

Nishel'le Clayton, Sara Kincaid, Sharonda Vesey, Ashley Williams.

Third Grade – Ms. Stock

Gabrielle Dunnings, Ashley Knick, Mary Lamentola, Brandy Loggie, Jerry Matlock, Andrew Newton, Patrick Thompson.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Raub

Stephanie Barnes.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Baird

Andrew Nelson, Kevin Sparks.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Kurtzhal

Chris Davis, Chantelle Griggs, Willie Griggs, Martinez Nelson, Brittney McCloud.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Bochje Benjamin, Jacell Green, Nodja Harris, Amber Paquette, Cecily Ricer.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Navetta

Kyle Hardoin, Jacob Lopez, Ronnie Odom, Eric Simpson.

Ms. Watkins

William Braden, Louis Caldwell, Crystal Proctor, Tonjalayia Stewart.

PERFECT/ADMIRABLE/GOOD ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten "A" – Ms. Hebert

Tiara Barnes, Ryan Beesley, Deondré Bell, TréShun Bell, Bianca Bien-Aimé, Najea Brown, Amber Bussell, Cody Deaton, Sarena Dillon, Jennifer Lucas, Emily McClue, Shavontae Melchor, Quentin Robinson, DeWandtez Rush, Cierra Toliver, Marquese Williams.

Kindergarten "B" – Ms. Hebert

Clifton Boddie, Gabrielle Bradley, Jessica Coatsworth, TayNeisha Eaton, India Graham, Alisha Menser, Quartney Parham, Chauncey Payne, Jeremy Rhoden, Rayven Rodgers, Jennifer Workman.

First Grade – Ms. Britton

Shardae Heard, Alesha Howington.

First Grade – Ms. Jaszcz

Natasia Campbell, Kara DeLay, Ryan Genigeski, Kyle Thompson, Carvin Williams.

First Grade – Ms. Reames

Deonta Delaney, Richie Denny, Sydney Harris, Cameron Reaves, Nan Sheikh.

Second Grade – Ms. Ball

Angela Bauman, Nate Bolduc, Shelby Cholette, Demetri Clanton, Kasandra Coatsworth, Emily Dubyak, Courtney Hollingsworth.

Second Grade – Ms. Orme

Monáe Drouillard, Derek Vartanian, Henry Young.

Second Grade – Ms. Smith

Mahelia Benjamin, Shainaya Heard, Tony Mills, Chanel Smith.

Third Grade – Ms. Doane

Michael Archie, Shaun Booth, Kevin Brown, Megan Hammonds, Armintha Nelson, Chinyere Obinya, Narjis Sheikh.

Third Grade – Ms. Graham

Nishel'le Clayton, Toni Cross, Timothy Dalton, Jacob Gladden, Jayvon Hardaway, Tiffany Powers, Stephen Williams, Corey Wilson.

Third Grade – Ms. Stock

Gislain Bien-Aimé, Emily Davis, Patrick Thompson.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

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ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 27, 2000

The Public Hearing of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, March 27, 2000, was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President Betty M. Lenossi.

Roll call showed member Eva Webb absent (excused). Administrator Tom Dolan was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi.

President Lenossi turned the meeting over to Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, for the Public Hearing discussion on moving preschool students to the Burton Center. The Board of Education listened to the residents who are objecting to the proposed move and responded to their questions.

Member Webb arrived at 6:25 P.M.

President Lenossi called the Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education to order at 6:33 P.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

3/00/9 Moved by Woods supported by Lambert to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

3/00/10 Moved by Lambert supported by Woods to approve the Minutes of March 27, 2000, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (Berlinn). Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Molly McGlynn, Teacher, Third Grade, Effective March 8, 2000.

3/00/11 Moved by Lambert supported by Woods to accept the personnel recommendations as presented by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Employment of Middle School Principal

3/00/12 Moved by Woods supported by Berlinn that the Board accept the recommendation of Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and appoint Melvin Kimbrough as the Middle School Principal for the Romulus Community Schools as per the RASA contract effective April 3, 2000. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

3/00/13 Moved by Lambert supported by Webb that a resolution be presented honoring the Alternative Education High School's basketball team. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

3/00/14 Moved by Lambert supported by Webb that the Board approve Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Curriculum Report – Technology

Mesdames Cook, Garrett, and Firestone and Mr. Paul Twigg from Barton Malow Construction Company presented a report on our technology curriculum and responded to questions posed by members of the Board of Education.

Letter of Recognition – Wrestlers

3/00/15 Moved by Lambert supported by Dick that the Board accept the recommendation of Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and adopt the resolution outlined in the attached letter congratulating this year's coach and members of our wrestling team. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

High School Marquee Purchase to Bid

3/00/16 Moved by McCraight supported by Lambert to grant permission for the High School to let bids for the purchase of an electronic message board for the High School. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Class Size Report

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, presented a secondary class size report and responded to questions posed by members of the Board of Education.

Vocational Computer and Building Program Equipment

3/00/17 Moved by Lambert supported by Dick that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Vocational Department and the Finance Committee to purchase materials from Heath Kit Corp. ($67,180) and Quest Tech ($44,064) to begin our computer repair and construction technology programs. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience voiced their concerns and posed questions to members of the Board of Education relative to the operation of the School District.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Finance Committee Minutes; 2) Article on Canton Blocks Charter School; 3) Tom Dolan – EMU Invitation; 4) Winter Sports Summary; 5) Democracy on the Green Project – Kidwell; 6) Student of the Month Memo; and 7) Article on Test Scores.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Michael Woods stated that in view of the rash of bus accidents, we should review our procedures with the bus drivers.

Mrs. Eva Webb wished to thank the Arts Council for the artwork that is displayed at Wendy's Restaurant on Middlebelt Road.

Mr. Alan Lambert felt that the Board should extend its congratulations to the participants in the Jump Rope for Heart marathon.

Executive Session – Negotiations

3/00/18 Moved by Woods supported by Webb that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:41 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:09 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

3/00/19 Moved by Woods supported by Webb that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Romulus Schools Students Honored for Academics, Attendance

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Shontez Akins, Mike Behnke, Caren Brock, Michael Cochran, Alonzo Dixon, Brandon Drouillard, Elizabeth Hardoin, Ashley Haney, Tierra Hunter, Danielle Milhem, Tanisha Miller, Michael Powers, Brianne Stigall, JaJuan Whitlow.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Raub

Stephanie Barnes, Chritina Bauman, Amy Binder, Joey Coatsworth, Brittany Dismuke, Brian Johnson, Billy Lukas, Megian McCloud, Amanda Menser, Brittany Mills, Amanda Nelson, Laron Rodgers, Jeremy Taylor, Julian Williams, Dyonna White.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Baird

Bianca Brown, Andrew Nelson.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Kurtzhal

Chris Davis, Willie Griggs, Josh Haener, Brittney McCloud, Martinez Nelson, Courtney Turner, Erika Wasson.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Bochje Benjamin, Krystin Forster, Jessica Fox, Brittney Garrison, Keith Gregory, Nodja Harris, Amanda Nowicki, Amber Paquette, Robert Ray, Cecily Ricer, Alfred Stewart, Damian Taylor.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Navetta

Tiffany Bradley, Amanda Haney, Kyle Hardoin, Anthony Harris, Nedra Harris, Jacob Lopez, Erica Simpson, Caleb Tipton, Megan Whalen, Melissa Winston, Jessica Workman.

Ms. Watkins

Joshua Arnett, William Blackburn, William Braden, Louis Caldwell, Stacy Davidson, Asia Redmond.

Ms. Goulette

Akeem Burkes.

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Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.

Third Grade – Mrs. Albus

*Levi Adams, *Romel Arrington, Raheem Brown, Brad Burcroff, Joshua Horne, *Lauren Jones, Alisha Moon, Quinn Nash, *Latrice Parnell, Ricky Rutherford, Asisa Shareef.

Third Grade – Mrs. Gable

*Joseph Dent, Christopher Fultz, Brandon Lacey, Kyara Lee, *Stephanie Monroe, Felicia Olson, Lexiss Perkins, *Grant Pizzo, Kiarra Sandefur.

Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

*Jasmine Abney, Lauren Alley, Krystal Burrell, Kiarrah Jackson, Bianca Mack, Tamica Mosley, Nicole Sattler, Jon Swagerty, *September Waites.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

Nicholas Bennett, Dean Burcroff, *Shaniya Dye, Kenneth Hall, Stefinie Holbrook, Larry Horne, Tanisha Hubbard, Dominique Irving, Lawrence Jones, Jacob Krell, *Alicia Matatall, *Jasmine Parnell, *Shauna Pitman, Justin Price, Stephanie Rutherford.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Bingaman

Antoine Baines, Ashley Chandler, *Carmen Collie, Jonathan Denys, Christopher Floyd, Quinesha Hester, Alesa James, Wesley Keely, Valencia Mathews, *Celeste Moody, Ashley Simmons, Jessica Wallace, Brandon Williams.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Motyka

*Heather Bavol, Marwin Boyd, Tiffani Cannon, Kristen Dubisky, *Steven Hawes, Rachel Jensen, Thomas Kortas, Crystal Lambert, Nicole Love, Krystal Nault, Darius Osborne, *Samuel Pizzo, Matthew Wagle.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

*Andrew Boyd, Brian Damon, *Jennifer Dick, *Jessica Dick, Tatiana Gray, Carrie Hampton, Antoine James, Jesse Lambert, Kathleen Marcum, Darius Price, *Richie Remilius, Alex Sampson, Monay Smith, Kandice Wells, *Shakita Wilson.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kyte

Shon Aggison, Jason Britton, Taniesha Burkes, Katelyn Crozier, Cortez Dyess, Jacklyn Evanski, Demaryst Garwood, Quintin Gregory, Daniel Hoskins, Katina Little, Aaron Matatall, Cherica Peoples, Ashley Rodgers, Kevanna Smith, Bethany Strain, Amber White, Brittany Wright.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Meredith

Shamkia Eldridge, Jaime Hidalgo, Michael Hudson, Alicia Jackson, Jacob Kettlewell, Marco Little, Bruce Loggie, Chrissy Meeks, Joshua Rivera, Bobby Russell, Shantrice Tatum, Stephanie Wiley, Lorenzo Wilson.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

James Bell, *Lindsay Beregsasy, James Blanton, *Megan Crozier, Jason Elwell, Ashley Horyn, *Siera Stewart, Michelle Thomas, Patricia Williams.

Sixth Grade – Miss Richard

Brittany Hampton, Corey Koch, Monet McCroan, Jonathon Rafalski.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

M/W Kindergarten – Mrs. Wood

Aaliyah Eatmon, Dylan Martinez, Frederick McAnnally.

M/W Kindergarten – Ms. McCabe

Aveon Simmons.

T/Th Kindergarten – Ms. McCabe

Brandon Mahon.

First Grade – Ms. Panek

Jenese Wallace, Bréana West.

First Grade – Mrs. West

Robert Ames, Dennis Dixon, Jessica Mack, Adrienne Parnell, Erica Ross, Amanda Wagle.

Second Grade – Mrs. Otis

Dominique Carroll, Joshua Krell.

Second Grade – Mrs. Talento

Ashley Wagle.

Third Grade – Mrs. Albus

Romel Arrington, Raheem Brown, Joshua Horne, Lauren Jones, Asia Shareef.

Third Grade – Mrs. Zeleji

Bianca Mack, Demetrius Price, Nicole Sattler, September Waites.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Barnes

Larry Horne.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Bingaman

Christopher Floyd, Jasmine Long.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Motyka

James Blake, Marwin Boyd, Dominique Buckley, Tiffani Cannon, Kristina Hall, Keith Miller, Darius Osborne.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Jennifer Dick, Jessica Dick, Darius Price, Alex Sampson, Monay Smith, Shakita Wilson.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Meredith

Marco Little, Joshua Rivera.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

James Bell, Jason Elwell, Jalisa Simpson.

Sixth Grade – Miss Richard

Merrika Brown, Darryl Carroll, Dawan Jackson, Mon'et McCroan, Devin Milhouse.

Middle School

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Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.

Seventh Grade

*Ashley Allen, Latoya Allen, Kindra Anderson, Tiara Anderson, Nichole Armstrong, *Kristen Atchley, Janee Barnes, Sarah Bauman, Ethan Bell, *Jazmine Bennett, Stephanie Bishop, Tiffany Block, Brenden Boyd, Donald Brewer, Daniel Brown, *Ronnie Brown, Kelly Bunyak, Monika Burgess, Danielle Butler, *Teela Carroll, Kevin Carter, Justin Chapman, Maurio Clark, Anica Coate, Stacy Coffey, Ebony Coleman, Monica Cox, David Coyne, Jeremiah Cross, Carol Deaton, Robert Ditsch, Mia Drane-Maury, Derrick Dugan, Amy Ehrenberg, *Lauryn Farkas, Charese Ford, Lakesha Fuller, Jami Gibes, Anitra Glimps, Soctt Golden, Ashley Gorkiewicz, Melissa Grace, Christopher Greene, Crystal Hahn, Katie Hale, Kevin Hamilton, Paris Hawkins, Tasha Hildebrandt, Benjamin Hohman, Elyse Hooks, Emily Hornfeld, Justin Howington, Connelly Hughes, *LaRiché Jones, Myleah Jones, Muneer Khan, *Candace Lawrence, Stephanie Lewis, Vanessa Malloy, Jonathon McKinney, Lisa Miller, Lavar Mingo, Carolyn Moore, Leah Moore, Anjelique Moss, Antoinette Nelson, Eric Noyd, Candace Parsons, Shawn Perkins, Dijon Piggee, Ricky Porter, Andrea Redding, Philip Roscoe, Megan Scott, Hameed Seifuddin, Lindsay Sharp, Sawaira Sheikh, Jennifer Shelton, *Jessica Shelton, Ashley Sibby, Shauntya Simon, Larita Smith, Monique Solomon, Dwight Springer, *Paulette Stanford, *Matthew Steffani, Avery Stephenson, Anastasia Strother, Tiffany Sucharski, Jamie Suiter, Garrett Swezene, Olivia Sylvester, *Joann Tieppo, *Jessica Trahey, Miah Wade, Sarah Ward, Natalie Watt, Danté Williams, Jessica Williams, Sarah Williams, Kimberly Wilson, Lashonda Windham, Ryan Witherow, Brian Woods, Ashley Wright, Christopher Zirkle.

Eighth Grade

Aamer Ahmad, Darnell Anderson, Deborah Anderson, Brian Bentley, Elizabeth Berry, Natalie Blake, Kenneth Booker, Carla Broom, Ahmad Caldwell, Cassie Caldwell, Alvaro Camacho, Kristina Camilleri, Theresa Chadwick, Stephanie Clay, Jerry Collie, Ronny Cornelius, Elliot Craig, Rhiannon Crawford, James David, Christifer Debus, Thomas Drayton, Carissa Drobil, Tanya Formosa, *Jessica Frost, Randall Frye, *Toni Gibson, Stacey Gilbert, Sabrina Gomes, Joseph Goroni, Mishielle Gray, Stephanie Gurner, Christian Hadden, Alicia Harbor, Terry Harper, Novella Haugabook, Justin Heins, Sarah Herbert, Jeffrey Hoffman, Roy Hollis, Aaron King, Jerad Kiser, April Kovacs, Kevin Kucharski, Timothy Lewis, *Sarah Lindroth, Angela Lukas, James Martin, Patrick McCollum, Patrick Miller, Jessica Modrzynski, Natasha Murray, Sage Nicolo, Krystal Oliver, Hanya Ombima, Rebecca Oros, LaJoya Orr, Nereida Pena, Kristina Rafalski, Kristi Rice, Amber Saval, Heather Saval, *Britany Sawdy, Sarah Schatilo, *Sara Schultz, Karron Smith, Christopher Speer, Ricky Staten, *Ryan Tackett, Iesha Taylor, Shekiyah Taylor, Rebecca Thornton, Victor Voris, Isaiah Warren, Kyle Wasson, Marvin Wheeler, DeRhonda Williams, Reese Williams, Kiera Wilson, Marissa Wilson, Jeremiah Yeager, Kevin Zajac. ❑

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, please call 734-942-6852.)

Closed for the Holiday

Just a friendly reminder that the Romulus Senior Center will be closed on Good Friday (April 21).

Lunch Out

Ride the senior van to Pacific International for this month's "Lunch Out" program, set for Friday, April 28. Cost is $1.50 for transportation, plus the price of your meal. Sign up at the Center.

Pool, Anyone?

Interested in shooting some eight-ball? The Romulus Senior Center is looking for women or men who would like to have a little fun on Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Bunko

The Romulus Senior Center is now hosting bunko games each Tuesday at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Ceramics

Instructor Doll Wands reminds everyone that her ceramics classes meet at the Center each Monday at 1 and 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Other Activities

The Romulus Senior Center invites you to stop by on your own or bring a friend to take part in any of the following regularly scheduled programs:

- Club #1 meetings (11 a.m. each Thursday)
- Bingo (1 p.m. each Wednesday)
- Pinochle (1 p.m. each Thursday)
- Quilting (7 p.m. each Thursday).

For more information, please contact the Center.

Crime Watch

Crime Prevention Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. New faces are always welcome.

Indoor Walking

The Romulus Senior Center travels to the nearest Wayne County Community College campus at 9:15 a.m. each Wednesday for an hour of safe, indoor walking. No preregistration necessary.

Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just $1. To make your reservation (no later than 2 p.m. on the day before the trip), please call 734-942-6852 during the Center's normal business hours.

Commodities Available at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Preregistration (any weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; bring proof of income) is required for all first-time recipients.

Next date: May 18.

Hot Lunch

For just $1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance.

Grandparent for a Day

The Romulus Senior Center is looking for volunteers who would like to make a difference in the lives of young children. Once a month, interested seniors will be traveling to a local classroom to interact with young students. The basic job description: read a story, sing a song, or color a picture with new friends. No lifting or other heavy work is required.

For more information, call Elaine: 734-641-7515.

Volunteer Positions Open

The Romulus Senior Center is always looking for friendly volunteers who would like to become more involved in the Center by helping to plan and execute its various programs. To find out more about how you can give the priceless gift of caring, please contact Linda Norman, Program Coordinator.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 734-942-6852.

- ***Soaring Eagle Casino/Mt. Pleasant*** (April 25; $21);
- ***Soaring Eagle Casino/Show*** (May 24; $9);
- ***Bay Mills/Kewadin Casinos*** (July 20–21; $129);
- ***New England (Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire)*** (September 17–23; $799); and
- ***Golden Southwest Tour*** (November 11–25; $879; $100 holds your seat). ❑

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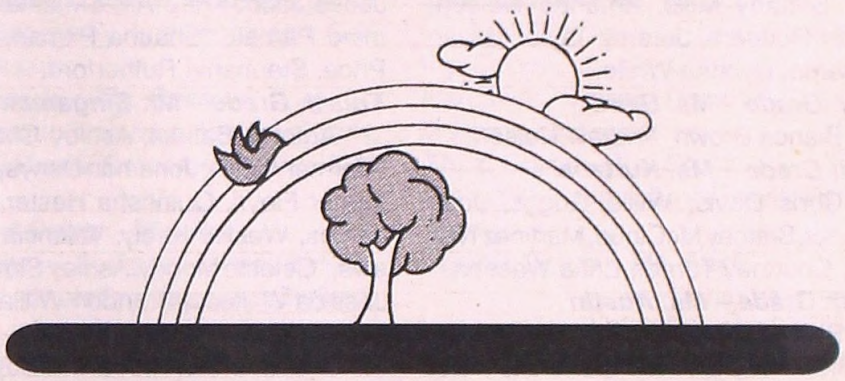

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Place _____
City _____ State _____
Reception _____
City _____ State _____
Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions):
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Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

Obituary

Hazel O. (Conn) Darda

Hazel O. (Conn) Darda of Romulus, Michigan, died Monday, April 17, 2000. She was 75 years old.

The native of Stark, Kentucky, was born April 29, 1924.

Surviving Hazel are a son, Eugene T. Darda (Romulus, MI); a daughter, Mrs. Andre (Lorraine) Marcouiller (Spring Hill, TN); two brothers, Riley (Lois) Conn and Everett Conn; two sisters, Sarie Mabry and Mrs. Clellie (Elsie) Moore; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Her brother, Jessie Conn, predeceased her in 1998.

A funeral service was held Thursday, April 20, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Bill Eversole (Calvary Baptist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI). ❑

Amendments Would Make State Safer

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This program will teach children about gun safety, and will instruct them on what to do if they see another child with a gun or find an unattended weapon.

The whole issue of guns is always a difficult one for the Legislature. However, guns are already present in our schools and around our kids. The language of this proposal was a bipartisan effort to deal with that reality and take some proactive steps to address the problem.

My colleagues and I also supported language to add $100,000 to the State budget for the funding of an antiviolence hot-line. The hot-line would provide a mechanism by which youngsters could anonymously report imminent or suspected criminal conduct without fear of retaliation by their classmates. My caucus has been working on this effort since the incident in Littleton, Colorado. I'm glad that it has finally come to fruition.

This is a busy time of year in the Legislature, as both the House and the Senate are working on budgets and facing issues like the ones described above. My colleagues and I are always interested in your feedback, so if you have concerns or questions about the budget process or any other issue, call or e-mail us directly. If you are interested in keeping up with what's been happening on various issues, be sure to check the House Democratic web site at www.housedems.com.

Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible individuals and spokespersons are invited to make use of this column, free of charge, anytime. For more information, contact Kristi Stephens, editor. ❑

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